



Idaho Crop & Livestock Producer News

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Dear Respondent:

This issue of the Idaho Crop and Livestock Producers' News covers the results of the 2008 Prices Paid Survey.

This release is sent to survey participants in appreciation for their time spent responding to the survey. For more information contact us at nass-id@nass.usda.gov or at 1-800-691-9987. Thank you for reporting and your continued support.

Sincerely,

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Director*

Prices Paid by Farmers

Prices paid by farmers represent the average costs of inputs purchased by farmers and ranchers to produce agricultural commodities. Conceptually, the average price when multiplied by quantity purchased should equal total producer expenditures for the item.

The prices paid data are obtained from establishments that sell goods and services to farmers and ranchers. Annually, about 8,500 firms are randomly selected from lists by type of item sold with an average response rate in the range of 75-80 percent. Firms are asked to report the price for the specified item "most commonly bought by farmers" or that was the "volume seller". Approximately 135 items are surveyed each April to represent all production input items purchased. The survey reference period for most items is the 5 business days centered around the 15th of the month. Separate prices paid surveys are conducted for agricultural chemicals, fuels, feed, fertilizer, machinery, and seed.

Average prices reported are aggregated to the region and U.S. level using weights available from expenditure data and other administrative sources. Price recommendations are prepared by the State Field Offices and Headquarters for review by the Agricultural Statistics Board in Washington, D.C. Also, the change in price level for individual items surveyed are combined to the regional and U.S. levels, and are published as prices paid indexes referenced to a specific base period.

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**Prices Paid by Farmers:
Selected products, United States and Region, April 2005-2008**

Product and Unit	U.S.			Region
	2006	2007	2008	2008
	<i>dollars</i>	<i>dollars</i>	<i>dollars</i>	<i>dollars</i>
Fuels 1/				
Unleaded gasoline, service station Gal.	2.574	2.625	3.277	3.288
Unleaded gasoline, bulk delivery Gal.	2.597	2.638	3.331	3.311
Diesel fuel, bulk delivery Gal.	2.275	2.430	3.619	3.681
L.P. Gas (propane, butane, etc) Gal.	1.690	1.727	2.281	2.370
Feed 1/				
Alfalfa meal Cwt.	16.40	18.20	21.10	22.30
Alfalfa pellets Cwt.	16.40	18.70	21.30	22.40
Cottonseed meal, 41% Cwt.	18.20	20.00	23.00	26.10
Dairy feed, 16% protein Tons	210.00	249.00	313.00	424.00
Broiler grower feed Tons	255.00	306.00	387.00	559.00
Soybean meal, 44% Cwt.	16.90	18.20	23.40	32.20
Stock salt 50 lbs.	4.67	5.02	5.45	5.58
Trace mineral blocks 50 lbs.	5.68	6.15	6.60	6.53
Fertilizer 2/				
Anhydrous ammonia Tons	521.00	523.00	755.00	941.00
Nitrogen solution, 32% N Tons	269.00	308.00	426.00	520.00
Sulfate of ammonia Tons	266.00	288.00	391.00	411.00
Urea, 44%-46% Tons	362.00	453.00	552.00	613.00
Agricultural Chemicals 3/				
<i>Fungicides</i>				
Chlorothalonil (Bravo), 6# /Gal. EC Gal.	46.70	47.00	48.20	-
Myclobutanil (Nova, Rally), 40% WP Lb.	70.20	69.10	68.30	-
Ziram, 76% WP Lb.	2.88	3.08	3.35	-
<i>Herbicides</i>				
2, 4-D, 4# /Gal. EC Gal.	16.20	15.90	17.20	-
Atrazine (AAtrex), 4# /Gal. L Gal.	12.10	12.20	15.30	-
Glyphosate (Roundup), 4# /Gal. EC Gal.	29.30	28.90	40.50	-
MCPA, 4# /Gal. EC Gal.	18.90	18.50	19.10	-
<i>Insecticides</i>				
Azinphos-methyl (Guthion), 50% WP Lb.	11.40	11.70	11.60	-
Carbaryl (Sevin), 80% S, SP, WP Lb.	5.51	6.43	7.12	-
Chlorpyrifos (Lorsban), 4# /Gal. EC Gal.	37.30	37.80	37.40	-
Malathion, 5# /Gal. EC Gal.	30.70	31.80	35.10	-
Oil (Superior oil, Supreme, Volck) Gal.	6.62	7.99	9.68	-
Farm Machinery and Tractors 3/				
Baler, round, 1200-1500 lb. bale Each	20,300	21,900	23,300	-
Disk harrow, tandem, 18-20 ft. Each	22,000	23,400	24,100	-
Field cultivator, 20-25 ft. Each	21,000	22,100	23,600	-
Tractor, 2-WD, 50-59 P.T.O H.P. Each	23,700	24,300	25,000	-
Tractor, 2-WD, 140-159 P.T.O H.P. Each	95,500	100,000	104,000	-
Tractor, 4-WD, 200-280 P.T.O H.P. Each	150,000	154,000	176,000	-
Windrower, self propelled, 14-16 ft. Each	75,100	78,700	83,500	-

1/ Region includes AZ, CO, ID, MT, NV, NM, UT, and WY. 2/ Region includes ID, OR, and WA. 3/ Not published at the regional level.

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